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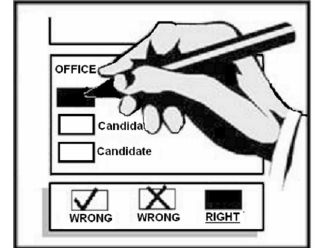
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

voter Brief

March 2008 Primary Election Coming Soon!

Are you Ready for the Primary Election? Voters who plan to participate in the upcoming March 4, 2008 primary election, should make sure they:

- ♦ are registered to vote;
- ♦ know where their polling place is located;
- ♦ ask for the type of ballot they wish to vote;
- ♦ **completely fill** in the box on their ballot next to the candidate or answer they choose.



If you know this information you can avoid potential problems when you vote in the upcoming primary election. Voters can locate their precinct and polling location information on the notice of election mailed in January to all registered Hamilton County voters.

The primary is a nominating election where you choose a candidate from a political party to be on the ballot for the following November general election. When you participate in the nominating process you become affiliated with the party of your choice until the next primary election, therefore you should know which party ballot to request when you go to the polls or request an absentee ballot.

In Ohio your party choices are **Democrat** and **Republican**. If you are not interested in declaring a party or nominating a candidate to run for an office, you can choose to vote only on issues by requesting an **Issues Only Ballot**. **The Choice is Yours -so- Know Your Choices!** Take some time and be prepared to vote.



If you did not receive a notice of election or do not remember your voting precinct or location, contact the voter registration department at 632-7025 to determine whether you are registered to vote and /or where your polling place is located. You can also find this information by using the registered voter and polling location wizards at www.votehamiltoncounty.org.



For additional information or if you would like to schedule a Board of Elections representative to speak at an event, contact our VOTE (Voter Outreach Training & Education) department at 632-7075.

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 ☆ **HAVE QUESTIONS?** ☆
 ☆ *call:* ☆
 ☆ Voter Registration 632-7048 ☆
 ☆ Polling Location 632-7029 ☆
 ☆ Early Voting 632-7039 ☆
 ☆ Voter Outreach 632-7075 ☆
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Youth at the Booth

**17-Year Olds
 Can Work the Polls!**

A 17-year old high school senior can be a poll worker if they get permission from their school and parent's).

For Youth at the Booth info call: **Sally Krisel**, Elections Administrator at 632-7089.

Are You 17 Years Old & 18 by Election Day? - You Can Vote!



Ohio Revised Codes 3503.01, 3503.011 and 3503.07 permit some 17 year-olds to participate in the upcoming March 4 primary election. To participate, 17 year-olds must be a citizen, have registered to vote by the February 4, 2008 voter registration deadline line for the March 4 primary, be a resident of the state of Ohio for 30 days preceding the election and meet age requirements by turning 18 on or before the November 4, 2008 Presidential Election.

17 year-olds that are eligible to participate in the March primary will be **permitted to nominate candidates** who are seeking to run for office in the November presidential election. The rationale for allowing 17 year olds to nominate candidates in a primary election is; they will be 18 by the following general or presidential election and **then eligible to vote for the candidates**.

During the primary election, 17 year-olds cannot vote on questions, issues or members of a political party's state or county central committee. This is because the questions, issues and state or central committee members, unlike candidate nominations, are specific only to the primary election.

17 year-olds must also satisfy Ohio's voter ID requirements. If you are 17 or know someone 17 who is planning to participate in the March 4, primary election make sure they are aware of the types of ID that will be accepted at the polls or that is required to vote by mail. **All ID must show a voter's name and address.** **Acceptable ID include a current and valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document.** ID must also list the **voter's current address** with the exception of the Ohio driver's license. Questions? call: 632-7025 or 632-7039.

Important Dates

Fri. Feb 8	<u>Absent Voting Begins for the March 4th Primary Election</u>
Sat. Mar. 1	<u>12:00 Noon Deadline for Mail-in/ Absentee Voting Requests</u>
Tue. Mar. 4	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY County Wide